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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. As this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. Patent Documents are not included.

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Applicants respectfully bring to the Examiner's attention that five of the references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were sited in an International Search Report, enclosed herewith. Since the International Search Report is in English, no English translation of the listed foreign references are required, pursuant to MPEP §609(A)3.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is a follows (37 C.F.R. §(a)(3)):

An English abstract is provided for JP 3-287064. US 5,243,516 corresponds to JP 5-502727. US 5,352,351 corresponds to JP 8-205589. US 2003/0133064 corresponds to JP 2002-340853. US 5,320,732 corresponds to JP 8-10208.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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